



Union Member - here is your April, 2019 e-newsletter (with updates since early March):

### **[Showing Respect for Vital School Support Staff](#)**

Leaders of our local union representing Hartford's paraeducators in early April spearheaded recognition by local and state elected officials of national Paraprofessional Appreciation Day. [Click here for photos of members gathered with the Capitol City's mayor for the presentation of formal proclamations.](#)

### **[Expanding Outreach and Engagement](#)** \*

Our state federation in late March launched a podcast series to connect with local union members on issues impacting their workplaces, families and communities. [Click here to listen to the first episode, which focuses on state budget and school regionalization proposals.](#)

### **[Acting Locally to Inform State Capitol Debates](#)** \*

Activists in March turned-out for the first three of our regional legislative meetings to educate their elected representatives in the Connecticut General Assembly. [Click here to watch members demand New Haven area lawmakers support proposed initiatives that would "fund our future."](#)

### **[Strengthening Our Movement and Resisting the Special Interests](#)**

Local, state and national leaders in mid March reflected on our union's growth since oral arguments in the *Janus vs. AFSCME, Council 31* lawsuit. [Click here for our report on the key lessons learned and significant gains made over the past year.](#)

### **[Promoting the Benefits of Membership](#)**

Past winners of our state federation's scholarships were in mid March again recognized ahead of the close of the application window for 2019 grants. [Click here to watch and share highlights of the awards presentation last year at our state federation's convention.](#)

## **[Boosting Our Extended Labor Family](#)**

Local activists in mid March traveled to Montana to represent Connecticut and participate in an internal membership engagement and organizing drive coordinated by AFT. [Click here for a photo of the team of public employee union members celebrating what they accomplished together.](#)

## **[Sharing Our Advocacy with a Global Community](#)**

AFT Connecticut President Jan Hochadel in early March spoke in New York City to an audience of labor leaders and activists from around the world. [Click here to share Public Service International's CSW63 blog report on the event with colleagues on social media.](#)

## **[Organizing In-District Professional Learning for Members](#)**

Teachers in Meriden in early March received Google G Suite software training coordinated by our local and national unions in collaboration with district administrators. [Click here for photos of members learning to apply the digital literacy curriculum to meet their classroom needs.](#)

## **Upcoming Activities & Events**

- April 6 - April 23: [Regional Legislative Meetings](#) (3 locations) \*
- April 6: [PreK-12 Teachers' Pre-Retirement Seminar](#)
- April 24: ["Organizing 101" Training Workshop for Union Leaders](#)
- April 25: [Website Communications Training for Union Leaders](#)
- April 26: [Connecticut AFL-CIO Capitol Workers Memorial Day Ceremony](#)
- May 1: [Students with Attention & Learning Issues Workshop for Teachers & PSRPs](#)
- May 18: [AFT Connecticut 72nd Annual Business Convention](#)
- May 21: [Local Union Treasurer's Training Workshop](#)

## **Featured Benefit**

- AFT +: [Southwest Airlines SWABIZ Discounts](#)

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